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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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To: Chief, SR/3

From: SR/3-W2

Subject: Contact, with CASSOWARY 2 on 1 and 2 December - Non-Operational

Present were CASSOWARIES 2 and 15, and [] (as []
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1. Study Group

a. CASSOWARY 2 pointed out that he cannot work out a water-tight cover story for the ^{Study} Group. After consultation with Cover Division people here, it appears that one of the following might be reasonable: Either they can work as the American Branch of the Suchasna Ukraina, or else they can be backstopped in one of the Clipping Services.

b. The question of receipts was discussed and is covered in a separate memorandum.

2. Vasyl BARKA: CASSOWARY 2 suggests that BARKA be subsidized in writing an anti-Soviet novel to be distributed now or at a later stage throughout the Soviet Ukraine. BARKA is allegedly an outstanding novelist from the KUBAN area in the KRASNODAR Krai and he is supposed to be a razor-sharp satirist. Besides this, having grown up under the Soviet regime, he supposedly knows the Soviet heart and mind and is said to have great appeal among the Soviet Ukrainians.

3. Yosip HIRNYAK: CASSOWARY 2 strongly urges that HIRNYAK (or HIRNIAK) be taken on as Director of the Ukrainian section of the VOA. HIRNYAK has an excellent background for this type of activity since prior to the war he was the Director of theater productions in KHARKOV. [He may even have been the Director of the All-Ukrainian Theater - BMH]. There would be a distinct advantage in having HIRNYAK on the VOA since he is well known throughout the Soviet Ukraine and not only he, but also his voice. Although in actuality HIRNYAK has been offered a job with the VOA, he has refused it and will allegedly not take any part in it as long as it is being directed by GREGORIEV on the grounds that the latter knows nothing about Soviet-Ukrainians and if anything, does more harm than good with his broadcasts.

4. CASSOWARY 2 claims that HIRYNAK is a very close friend of the Soviet representative to the UN -BAZHAN. This being the case, it was suggested, on an exploratory basis, that HIRYNAK attempt to defect BAZHAN but CASSOWARY 2 shied away from this on the grounds that if BAZHAN defected

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to the West, this would be a signal for the liquidation of the Ukrainian intelligencia as a whole. At one time, BAZHAN, one of the foremost literary figures in the Ukraine, had been accused of "nationalist deviation". Since then, however, he has recanted and is back in the graces of the party judging by the fact that he has been sent to the UN. Some people believe that although BAZHAN has recanted he is still writing his "nationalist deviation" poetry but, of course, is not publishing it.

5. CASSOWARY 2 would like to listen to the Soviet Ukrainian broadcasts but to do so he has to have an aerial some 30 meters long for his short-wave set. He has tried to install such an aerial on the roof of his house but his landlord would have none of it. Because of this, CASSOWARY 2 asked whether we couldn't find him a house somewhere in Forest Hills. He was told that if he lived on the third floor, and he needs a long aerial, all he has to do is drop a wire out of his window and it will serve the same purpose as one strung on the roof of his house.

6. Again the CASSOWARIES repeated the rumor that Congress has appropriated \$35,000,000 to the UPA.

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